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SUBJ: PREPARATION OF U.S. POSITION ON SEYCHELLES TRACKING STATION

1. I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MULCAHY'S PRESENCE HERE LAST WEEK TO MENTION SEYCHELLES CHIEF MINISTER MANCHAM'S PLANS TO VISIT WASHINGTON IN SPRING (FEB.-MARCH) OF 1975 AND MY HOPE THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL OBTAIN AN AGREED USG POSITION ON ANY QUID PRO QUO FOR USAF SATELLITE TRACKING STATION WELL IN ADVANCE OF THAT DATE.

2. I DID SO BECAUSE I DON'T THINK WE CAN COUNT ON THE BRITISH HOLDING THE RENT-FREE POSITION FOR US ON THE LEGAL GROUND THAT THE TRACKING STATION AGREEMENT RUNS UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1988, AND THEREFORE WISH TO BE SURE WE GET OUR DUCKS IN A ROW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND WELL PRIOR TO MANCHAM'S VISIT. IF THERE IS TO BE SPECIFIC COMPENSATION FOR THE TRACKING STATION, I BELIEVE A NEGOTIATED RENT WOULD OFFER CLEANER SOLUTION THAN AID PACKAGE BUT I RECOGNIZE THERE MAY BE BUREAUCRATIC AND LEGISLATIVE IMPEDIMENTS TO THIS APPROACH. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS.

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